**Setting up of Sugar Factories in Meerut, U. P.**

1044. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL. SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned the setting up of two sugar factories in Meerut district; and

(b) if so, what are the locations of these units and by when construction work would begin?

**THE** MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) A letter of intent for setting up of a new sugar factory of 2500 TCD capacity at Malakpur, District Meerut has been issued on 7. 8. 1990 to M/s. Win Medicare Limited. It generally takes 3 to 4 years to establish a new sugar factory.

**Dangers of use of pesticides**

1045. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister Of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the extent of dangers of pesticides to health as reported in 'the Hindustan Times' of the 3rd November, 1990;

(b) if so, whether any samples of food, water have been taken during the last 3 years for testing of pesticides if so, the details thereof, State-wise indicating results obtained and corrective action taken in this regard; and

(c) whether permssible safe limits would be laid down for all the 128 registered pesticides and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE" (SHRI JAYANTHILAL VIRCHAND ■ BHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Industrial Toxicological Research Centre, Lucknow has carried' out a survey of Ganga 'water under-the scheme for Management of Ganga River Quality (Commissioned by the Ganga Project Directorate) during the period July, 1986 to June, 1989. This has revealed presence of 8 pesticides in Ganga water in varying quantities.

In so far as testing of samples of food to determine residues of pesti cides is concerned, this is done under the 'Prevention of Food Adu teration Act'. The informtion in respect of the samples of food taken during the last three j^ears 'for testing residues of pesticides is being collected by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare which administers the Food Adulteration Act. This information when available, will be laid down on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Prescription of permissible safe limits for pesticides in various food articles is a continuous process. These limits have already been prescribed for fifty pesticides in various articles of food. Selling of food articles with pesticides residues exceeding the prescribed safe limits under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act | Rules is prohibited.

**Issue of New Licences fo$_r$ Sugar Factories**

1046. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISH-RA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of licences for sugar factories issued during the month of October, 1990 and upto 9th November, 1990;

(b) the number of licences issued during the period from 2nd Decern--ber, 1989 to 30th September, 1990;

(c) the reasons for which large number of licences were issued during the period mentioned in part (a) above; and

(d) whether Government propose to review the cases of all he licences-issued?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR, HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Only 7 (seven) letters of intent were issued for establishment of new sugar factories during the month October, 1990

■**and** upto 9th of November, 1990, as against 32 letters of intent issued during the period 2nd December, 1989 to 30th September, 1990.

(c) and (d) The number of licences issued during October, 1990 and upto 9th November, 1990 is not large. The matter is under review of Government.

**Expenditure on the Maintenance of the Residences of Ministers**

1047. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the minister-wise expenditure incurred on the residence of each of the Central Ministers and whether such expenditure- has been more than the stipulated amount on maintenance, decoration, etc. since November, 1989 till October, 1990; and

(b) the details of the said expenditure since October, 1990 till date in each case?

THE MINISTER O'F URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) and (b) Repairs, renovations and minor works of addition/alteration are carried out in the residences allotted to the Ministers based on the state of the building, the requirements of the Minister and availability of funds. No rules prescribing a ceiling for carrying out such works in the residences allotted to the Ministers have been not fied by the Government.

The details of the expenditure in-curred are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Problem Villages in the country**

1048. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the state-wise number of problem villages in the country at the end of each of the last three years;

(b) the number of villages where potable water facility could be arranged during the above period; and

(c) the targets framed in this regard for the current year and the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a. ) to (c). The information is given in the Annexure. The target for the next year 1991-92 is likely to be fixed in March, 1991. *[See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No. 23] 23)

**Development of Tourism**

1049. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans to develoo tourism for Ayodhya. Mathu-ra, Varanasi, Bodhgaya and Vaishali; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the targets for each one for the years 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

Cc) the amount so earmarked for each one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH); (a) to (c) The development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends financial assistance to States for strengthening of tourist infrastructure for specific proposals based on their merits, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities On the' basis of the proposals received from State Govts of UP and Bihar the following schemes were sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism: —

1. Development of Varanasi Ghats.